



## Holbeton Players AGM Minutes

Meeting Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Meeting Location: Mildmay Colours

### Attendees:

- Andrew Hollett
- Fred Rayner
- Jamie Green
- Lisa Green
- Hilary Casson
- Zoe Purkis
- Jack Purkis
- Lynda Chapman
- Tim Thomas
- Sally Thomas
- Amy Garstang
- Jonny Garstang
- Bob Lowe
- Imogen Stevens
- Johnathon Garstang
- Clare Hollett
- Bob Munde
- Rik Knight
- Suzie Edwards

### Players Funds:

Bank – £4451.07

Cash - £1.56

A suggestion was made that the accounts be audited

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### Chairman's Address

*"This year has seen a lot of activity after the Shut/Lock downs of the previous years.*

*Firstly, we had the Diamond Jubilee show in the church, which was well attended and gave a welcome boost to our funds after the Covid losses. In it, The Holbeton Players celebrated their own Golden Jubilee and remembered the many Players who have entertained us over the years.*

*Then there was 'Death by Matal Murder', Directed by Zoe with Jack as the hapless Inspector Pratt, to much acclaim. The play was a sell-out success.*

*Most recently was the Panto 'Babes in the Wood'. This was, in the tradition of Holbeton Players, a great family show which included cast members of all ages.*

*I would add that Bob Munde arranged a 'Poets and Pints' evening here in the Mildmay Colours on the 1st of April which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who threw their acting/reading hats in the ring.*

*Over the years Holbeton Players has gained a reputation for putting on great productions of a high standard: Variety Shows, Pantomimes, Musicals and Plays.*

*As I recount this it sounds like Holbeton Players are solidly able to produce shows at the drop of a hat and it will go on that way indefinitely. Well, yes, maybe. Putting on shows demands commitment from all concerned. Everyone must play their part, to use a well-used, but never a truer expression 'Holbeton players needs movers, shakers and like Amazon, drivers'. Individuals who are willing to give it a go with energy and determination to get the job done. Within our community there have always been such people. I hope all of you in front of me will see yourselves in that way.*

*One final thought I feel compelled to ask of everyone sitting here and beyond, what are we and how do we exist as a Group? We don't have any kind of paid membership anymore or any identifying clothing."*

*- Clare Hollett*

### The committee

A vote on committee members was conducted.

Officers –

Chairman – Jack Purkis was suggested and seconded by Andrew Hollett.

Vote was taken and was unanimous

Treasurer – Zoe Purkis will Continue

Secretary – Lexii Elston volunteered and was seconded by Zoe Purkis

Vote was taken and was unanimous

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### Current Committee

Chairman – Jack Purkis

Treasurer – Zoe Purkis

Secretary – Lexii Elston

Members – Andrew Hollett

Amy Garstang

Jamie Green

Lisa Green

Sally Thomas

Bel Dixon

Clare Hollett

### Future Productions

Ideas and dates much needed. Jack and Steve have something in the works (TBD ... possibly April). More in house/locally created works are an option. A request was made by Imogen for more Musicals, Zoe seconded requesting 'Calendar Girls' Specifically. Clare suggested getting something set in stone for the Winter Slot such as a Christmassy Concert.

### Players Identity

Suggestions have been made about a possible subscription, stated as if you are paying maybe, you would be more inclined to attend, however this was widely contested as many said they like the fact they can 'dip in and out'. This was said to be possibly detrimental to the survival of the Group.

Lexii said until a poster of a play was posted she was unaware of the players existence and suggested survival could be aided by 'getting out there' and with the main form of info being the Holbeton news it may be good to bring us into the future and build a website to showcase the players, their work and the future. Lexii will do this.

Other Identity options considered were possible T-shirts to show off who we are.

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### The future of the players

A way to ensure we continue for another 50 years is to get the younger generations involved.

Childrens workshops have been a great success in the past and could be done again. Investigation into current red tape for such endeavour should be undertaken before moving forward. If we can run such a program again maybe give the kids a T-shirt ... extra advertising.

Imogen suggested adult classes and workshops. Singing and dancing. Shakespearian Workshops and Theatrical Workshops.

### Other suggestions

- ✓ More 'Pints and Poems' evenings.
- ✓ Players Club – watching and critiquing films and shows
- ✓ Play reading evenings
- ✓ Trips

### Meeting closing.

Next meeting date to be decided with the aid of Doodle Poll suggested by Imogen.